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Theme: "All Things Are Possible to Them that Believe" Mark 9:23. Turner, Oregon, June 24-30, 1946 Chairman, C. Alton Brostrom

PROGRAM

Monday Afternoon

2:30 Women's Board Meetng

Monday Night

7:30 Orchestra and song, Gene Chamberlain
8:00 Missionary Message, Vernon Newland
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "That I May Know Him," L. N. D. Wells, Guest Speaker
9:00 Close

Tuesday Forenoon

8:15 Prayer Service, Led by Fred L. Towne
8:30 Classes:
1.—Women's Work, Mrs. J. R. Howard, Leader
2.—Evangelsm — For Preachers and Laymen, Hubert E. Sias, Leader
3.—Children's Work, For Children's Workers, Mrs. Laura Torgerson, Leader
4.—Youth Work, For all Leaders of Youth, Ronald E. Osborn, Leader
5.—Church and School Administration, For Superintendents, Elders, Deacons, and other Church and School officers, C. H. Addleman, Leader
9:20 Close of Study Period
9:25 Assembly: Address, "The Relevancy of Our Plea to the Needs of Today," Dr. Ross J. Griffeth
10:10 Classes resume:
1.—The World Opportunity of the Church, for classes 1 and 2 above, led by Dudley Strain
3.—Children's Work, Laura Torgerson
4.—Youth Work, Ronald E. Osborn
5.—Church and School Administration, C. H. Addleman
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address: "Christian Perfection is Possible," Dr. E. R. Moon
12:00 Noon Recess

Tuesday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Historical Background of Benevolence in Oregon, C. F. Swander
2:15 Address: "Christian Benevolence," J. Frank Cunningham
2:45 Song
2:50 Book Announcement, W. B. Clemmer
3:05 Song
3:10 College Quartet
3:30 Missionary Address, O. J. Goulter
4:00 Dedication of Centennial Lodge, led by W. H. Lyman

Tuesday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song, led by Gene Chamberlain
8:00 Missionary Address, Mrs. O. J. Goulter
8:20 Song
8:25 Address: "My Shepherd," Dr. L. N. D. Wells
9:00 Close

Wednesday Forenoon

8:15 Prayer Service, led by Fred L. Towne
8:30 Classes as listed on Tuesday, including address by Dr. Griffeth

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11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address: "Christian Unity is Possible," Elery A. Parrish
12:00 Noon Recess

Wednesday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Historical Background of the Centennial, C. F. Swander
2:15 Address: "Our Centennial," Arthur C. Bates
2:45 State Secretary's Report, C. F. Swander
3:10 Recognition of new ministers
3:30 Missionary Address, Vernon Newland
4:00 Afternoon recess

Wednesday Nght

7:30 Musical, Conducted by Mrs. Maude Woodyard
8:30 Address: "Just Ordinary Folk," Dr. L. N. D. Wells
9:00 Close

Thursday Forenoon

8:15 Prayer Service, led by Fred L. Towne
8:30 Classes as listed on Tuesday, with address by Dr. Griffeth
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "World Evangelization," Frank Wallace Zook
12:00 Noon Recess

Thursday Afternoon
Mrs. J. R. Howard, Presiding

1:45 Worship Service, Mrs. Thelma Stanley
2:00 Business Session
Election of State Missionary Organizations officers
Report of State Treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Mossberger
Report of State Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Jordan
2:45 Music
2:50 Address, C. O. Hawley
3:20 Solo
3:25 Missionary Address, Mrs. O. J. Goulter
3:45 Installation of officers, Mrs. Dudley Strain
4:00 Afternoon adjournment

5:00 Vesper service in the Turner Church under direction of Mrs. Laura Torgerson, Gertrude Mossberger, Ola Smith and Muriel L. Smith

Thursday Night

7:30 Orchestra and song
8:00 Missionary Address, Vernon Newland
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Our Greatest Institution," Dr. L. N. D. Wells
9:00 Close

Friday Forenoon

8:15 Prayer Service, Led by Fred L. Towne
8:30 Classes as listed on Tuesday, with address by Dr. Griffeth
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "A Christian World Order is Possible," Victor P. Morris
12:00 Noon recess

L. N. D. Wells

Dr. Wells comes to our Oregon convention with the wealth of experience gotten in a 24 year long pastorate at Dallas, Texas. For 22 years before that he served as pastor in West Virginia, Pennsyvlania, New Jersey, and Ohio. He studied in The College of the Disciples, St. Thomas, Ontario, at Bethany College, and spent four years in Union Theological Seminary. He was a member of the Board of the Foreign Missionary Society five years, of the Ohio Missionary Society one year. At present he is a trustee of the Texas Christian University, president of the Board of Directors of Unified Promotion, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society. He was president of the International Convention in 1936. He is not only a man of prominence among us but enjoys the confidence of every group among us.

Friday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Business Session O. C. M. C.
2:30 Historical Background of Education in Oregon, C. F. Swander
2:40 Address, "Christian Education," Ronald E. Osborn
3:05 Song
3:10 Address, "World Missions," Joe Jewett
3:40 Recognition of missionaries present
4:00 Afternoon adjournment

Friday Night

7:30 This evening is given over to a pageant on Oregon Church History written and conducted by Ross J. Griffeth

Saturday Forenoon

8:15 Prayer Service, led by Fred L. Towne
8:30 Classes as listed on Tuesday, with address by Dr. Griffeth
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address: "The Christ Through Whom All Things are Possible," Ervin F. Leake
12:00 Noon Recess

Saturday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Missionary Address, Vernon Newland
2:30 Song
2:35 Address, "Religious Needs of the College Campus," Victor P. Morris
3:10 Historical Background of State Missions, C. F. Swander
3:30 Address: "State Missions," Teddy Leavitt
4:00 Afternoon adjournment
4:15 Men's prayer-meeting, led by Dr. C. R. Beatty
5:15 Ninety and Nine banquet and business session, John Jordan, Chairman. (Tickets, 75¢; Yamhill District men hosts). Pep singing; N. C. C. male quartet; raising of $1,000 and other business; message by Harold Lyman

Saturday Night

7:30 Orchestra and men's chorus
8:00 Missionary Address, O. J. Goulter
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "The Law that Liberates," Dr. L. N. D. Wells
9:00 Close

Sunday Morning

9:45 Sunday School, Ralph L. Putnam, Superintendent
11:00 Morning Worship:
Music, Gene Chamberlain
Message, "It is Possible to Know Him," Delbert W. Daniels
Communion Service, Directed by W. H. Lyman

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 Music
3:00 Address, "Power — Principle — Purity," Dr. L. N. D. Wells

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4:00 Dedication of memorial vault, led by Arthur C. Bates
Message by Claude P. Sabin
Finis

Attention!

Those who have sleeping reservations on the grounds, in either of the Lodges or the dormitory in the rear of the tabernacle, will please bear in mind that the fee for same will be due and payable on June 1. Rooms in Swander Lodge are as follows: with one double bed, $3; with two double beds, $5. Rooms in Centennial Lodge (the new one) all have two steel army cots and they are $3 for the room. Rooms in the rear of the tabernacle are all $5 except the corner one which is $2.50 per bed. Beds in the Conference cabin (across the street from Swander Lodge) are $2.50 each. The reason for this pay in advance is the fact that in the past so many people have reserved rooms and did not come, nor did they notify us they would not come; consequently the rooms were vacant. Somebody missed a place to sleep on the grounds and the convention lost the rental. Pay up by the first of June and then if you cannot come and we can still rerent it we will refund your payment.

Restaurant

The restaurant will be under the management again of Mrs. Walter L. Myers, and Mrs. Martin Lee will be

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Children's Day

Children's Day this year comes June 2. Its great appeal is on the basis of the needs in other lands. Virgil A. Sly has very beautifully said:

"I, too, will enjoy this opportunity to pay homage to childhood and in the privilege will come to me many precious memories of my own childhood and that of my children. Yet somehow that will not be as satisfying this year as it has been in the past because, before the well dressed, rosy faced, happy children of my church there will appear the vision of ragged, gaunt, grey-faced millions of children around the world whose very existence is one of torture and hopelessness. In Europe and Asia they die like flies. They wander lonely roads and highways of earth, naked, hungry, debased waifs of man's inhumanity. Even in countries not devastated by war the children have been the victims of lowered moral standards, greed and indifference. It is the ministry of the church, your church and my church, to see that children are accorded the care and love that is their due and to see that they are taught the way of Christ."

There should be a great children's Day offering this year. If your church cooperates with Unified Promotion send the offering to that agency at 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana. If not, send it to the Direct Support field of your choice.

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An Apology

In our last issue we announced that Gene Chamberlain had accepted the call of the State Board to become a second state evangelist and inadvertantly stated that he was at The Dalles. That is wrong; he is at La Grande. The La Grande brethren say the only pleasure they are getting out of this change is the fact that they have a man the State Board wants. We apologize to the La Grande Church; and as just a bit of recompense we will promise to do everything we can to get them a man whom they will grow to love as much as they do Gene.

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Dr. Shannon Leaves

Dr. Thompson L. Shannon, pastor of the Portland First Church for the past seven years, has tendered his resignation to take effect September 1. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Church in Oakland, California. Along with the work there goes a teaching job in Pacific Bible Seminary.

Dr. Shannon has been asked by the World Council of Churches to visit Europe for the purpose of making a survey of the church situation there. He left by plane on the night of April 21. He will be gone about six weeks. Dr. Shannon has won a large circle of friends during his pastorate here.

Easter Reports

KLAMATH FALLS

Great sunrise service; 535 in Bible School and church services an overflow; 4 baptisms, 3 others; a parsonage bought and will move in next week. Howard F. Hutchins, pastor.

SUTHERLIN

Attendance at Bible School 234; the average for the year, 130. 22 were added in Willie White's meeting. Church less than two years old. Newell Morgan, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST

620 in morning service, over 200 at night; 4 confessions, 2 by statement. Held services every night the previous week with N. C. C. Girls' Quartet as guest helpers. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

POWELL BUTTE

Overflow attendance. Jimmie Jones and wife, from Halsey, led in week's meeting with great good to church. An $87 love offering for them. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

CULVER

Susie Nichols, Mary Lou Canfield and Jean Diehl, of N. C. C., held a week's rally with 5 confessions, 1 from the Friends, and 1 by letter. 165 in Bible School. A $75 love offering to the girls and $10 to State Missions. D. L. Penhollow gave the annual afternoon message—his 12th there. Arvil O. Hurt, pastor.

MILL CITY

4 baptisms and 3 rededications on Easter Sunday. Have a youth rally every Saturday night. F. Claude Stephens, pastor.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY

207 at Bible School. Baptized 7. 20 young people at Christian Endeavor. 43 women in women's Bible Class. H. L. Porter, pastor.

FOREST GROVE

395 at Church School for the count; more later. 450 at morning worship. Nolte's Easter cantata, "Hosanna" given in evening under direction of Mrs. Henry J. Feldman. N. C. C. mixed quartet assisted in three week night services. 23 baptisms and 9 others added. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

ALBANY

Easter attendance, 405; offering, $168.50. O. F. Mick, minister.

BEND

20 additions during pre-Easter meeting with Dr. E. R. Moon and DeVere Penhollow. Attendance Easter Sunday 421. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

CORVALLIS

Full House Easter. Great Youth breakfast. G. Hayden Stewart, pastor.

DALLAS

Pastor preached during pre-Easter week; assisted by Francis Kean, from N.C.C. and Mrs. K. E. Burke. Candlelight communion on Thursday night, and Easter cantata Sunday night. 9 confessions. Fred L. Towne, pastor.

EUGENE FIRST

2,300 at Easter morning service. Offering for Home Missions $650. Hugh N. McCallum, Pastor.

FOREST GROVE

32 additions during Easter season, 23 baptisms. Total offerings through general fund $3,559.90. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

LEBANON

318 attendance Easter Sunday. Meeting with Ross Evans closed April 28. 14 baptisms and 5 transfesr. Holly Jarvis, pastor.

McMINNVILLE

Easter results: Women's Council Missionary offering, $70; B. S. Missionary offering, $117; confessions, 8. S. J. Osborne, pastor.

July will be Young People's Month

July will be a month devoted almost entirely to young people's work. Somewhere in the state there will be a conference or camp every day. We note here the ones sponsored by the State Educational Committee:

July 1-7, the West Oregon Young People's Conference will be held at Turner. This is for ages 15 to 23. The fee is $10. This is a $1 raise above what it was for several years, but increased costs of feeding makes the raise imperative.

July 8-14, the Pioneer Camp (intermediates) will be held at Turner for ages 12, 13, 14. The fee is $9. This is $1 more than heretofore, made necessary by increased costs.

July 14-20, the South Oregon Young People's Conference and intermediate camp combined will be held at Myrtlewood Camp, Bridge, for ages 12 to 23. The fee there is $9, a fifty cent raise over last year. The program for intermediates will be the same as in a regular pioneer camp.

July 28-August 3, the East Oregon Young People's Conference and intermediate camp will be held on our new conference grounds at Cove, for ages 12 to 23. Fee is $10, same as last year. Living conditions here may be quite primitive this year; but eventually the grounds will be as well equipped as the ones we have occupied for the past 8 years.

We prefer to have the young people for these camps picked by their churches. Choice should depend upon faithfulness and loyalty to the church program during the year. Application blanks must be secured ahead of time and returned to the conference director before conference opens. Send to C. F. Swander for the number you can use, stating how many for young people and how many for intermediates. Address him at 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

A Laboratory School for church school workers will be held at Albany July 21-28. Mrs. Laura Torgerson will have charge of this and inquiries concerning it should be addressed to her at 5625 N. Delaware, Portland 11.

MEDFORD FIRST

Two services Easter morning; 830 attendance; 5 confessions and 2 otherwise; missionary offering, $233. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor .

MULTNOMAH

Easter offering for building fund, $523.77. Elery A. Parrish, pastor.

NYSSA

Attendance 165 on Easter Sunday. George R. Whipple, pastor.

OAKLAND

Easter attendance: Bible School, 150; church, 182; evening, 175. Freeman Yardley, pastor.

PENDLETON

Easter offering for missions, $204.15; attendance, 303. O. D. Harris, pastor.

PORTLAND ST. JOHNS

404 in Sunday School Easter Sunday; 610 at morning worship. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

RIDDLE

Pre-Easter meeting with 3 baptized. Teddy Turner and Clara Fern Rice, of N. C. C. assisted. Ronald W. Yates, pastor.

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Milwaukie

The work of building has finally gotten under way. The church wishes to express its appreciation for the many liberal gifts. There is still a pressing need for $3,000. Volunteer labor for evenings and Saturdays would be a great contribution. They had 103 at their Easter service. Adrian Fraley is the new pastor and he is meeting with favor.

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Mrs. Mary Mays

Mrs. Mary Mays, faithful member of the St. Helens Church since its organization in 1927, passed away at her home there on April 9 after an extended illness. She had served in many capacities in the work there and she will be sorely missed by her brethren. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Robert Neal.

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Richard Waddell Hurt

Word has come that Richard Waddell, son of our pastor at Falls City, was seriously hurt in a motorcycle accident. He will be confined to the hospital for several weeks. He was a student at San Jose Bible College at the time. We pray for his recovery.

Glad Tidings

ASHLAND — Annual meeting April 22; 32 added during year; over $800 given to missions; now in fifth year of ministry. Earl F. Downing, pastor.

ATHENA—24 additions since January 1. C. Paul Moore, pastor.

ASTORIA—Beginning broadcast May 5, 8 a. m. over KAST. Clifford Snyder, pastor.

CARLTON — Organized a young married people's class. Harry Jackson, pastor.

CORBETT — New pastor's study complete. Bible Schol more than double a year ago. Claude Woodle elected superintendent. Walter Barnes, pastor.

DAYTON—Church building will be repaired in May. Dallas Meserve, pastor.

EUGENE FIRST — Organized men into a brotherhood which is interested in suburban work. Hugh N. McCallum, pastor.

FAIRMOUNT—Walter Naff has resigned as pastor to accept work at Redmond.

GARIBALDI — A returning service man dedicated his life to full time service. Plans to attend N.C.C. Herald Haskell, pastor.

GLADSTONE — Church has purchased Bell-Howell sound projection outfit. Wilbur R. Hensley, pastor.

HOLLEY—Church was host to Linn County Convention April 22. Well attended. Next convention at Halsey July 8. Harry Benton, pastor.

JEFFERSON—One volunteer for the ministry. N. J. Reasoner, pastor.

JUNCTION CITY—The pastor, Roger Carstensen, is leaving the middle of June after a 6 years ministry.

KLAMATH FALLS—A whole family —father and mother, one boy and two girls baptized April 28. Church has purchased a parsonage. Howard F. Hutchins, pastor.

NEWPORT—In evangelistic meeting with Kenneth Knox, Roseburg, as evangelist. Lincoln County C. E. Rally will be held here May 5. Eldon Wiiidanen, pastor.

PORTLAND CENTRAL — Offerings for month, $3,911.48; 38 additional pews purchased. James Earl Ladd, pastor.

PORTLAND KERN PARK—Pre-Easter meeting with Ronald Osborn, N. C. C., preaching. C. H. Addleman, pastor.

Northwest Christian College

By Kenneth Johnston

Incomplete reports show that 145 students and faculty were engaged in a week's pre-Easter evangelistic services in five states. 12,833 miles were travelled to points of service. 1,379 calls were made. There were 216 additions to the churches by baptism and 10 by transfer of membership.

The President's Column

The Shane Quarterly, published by the School of Religion, Butler University, and ably edited by Dr. F. D. Kershner, brings to us in the January issue a stimulating article by Dr. Harry L. Ice on "Building Tomorrow's Ministry."

Referring to a Pension Fund statement Dr. Ice notes that the Brotherhood requires a minimum of 882 ministers and missionaries in training for replacement only. The number must exceed this mark before there can be an expansion. He then states, "All our colleges and universities of whatever theological brand do not have 882 young people in training for full-time Christian service."

What should be done? Dr. Ice suggests three factors which he believes will go far toward meeting the emergency: (1) increased economic support for full-time Christian workers; (2) increased recognition of the dignity of Christian leaders; (3) "a fresh emphasis upon the preacher's right to prophesy."

However important these factors may be it seems to me they are not basic. Adequate economic support is important but it usually comes to the trained leaders who develop the spiritual life of their congregations. True dignity does not come from position but from service and is seldom unrecognized. That the prophetic preacher must make his own way despite opposition is attested by the biography of each such individual in the history of the church.

Now for a few figures. According to the latest Year Book the total number of resident members of churches in the area directly served by N. C. C. is 56,603. This year N. C. C. has at least 114 young men in training for the ministry and mission fields, or approximately 1 young man for each 500 resident church members. If this average maintained throughout the Brotherhood our 1,404,935 resident members in the U. S. A. should have some 2,800 young men in training for full time Christian service. (Note that these figures do not take into account the 200 or more young women at N. C. C. in training for full-time service.)

Why is the Northwest supplying this disproportionate number of prospective full time Christian workers? Here are also a few of the factors that operate: (1) young people are challenged to sacrifice for Christ; (2) difficult and pioneer fields for service are promised (a majority of the pioneers in Alaskan missions have studied at N. C. C.); (3) N. C. C. keeps continuing contact with prospective ministerial students; (4) the pastors, in close touch with N. C. C., keep the churches conscious of their obligation to recruit full-time leaders; life work recruits have opportunity to begin Bible study during the freshman year in college and continue Bible study through their entire period of preparation.

Fellow Christians of the Northwest, you have been doing a grand work. Let's do the little more that makes the difference between mediocrity and superiority in Christ's service.—Ross J. Griffeth.

McKenzie Ninety and Niners Press Forward

By Ed P. Dewees

The Junction City Church entertained 59 men representing 8 churches in the McKenzie District rally held there on April 8. The Oakridge delegation drew a good round of applause in recognition of the distance travelled as well as the privilege of entertaining the August rally. The meeting began with a potluck dinner and a time of fellowship around the table following the singing of the Doxology, led by Hugh McCallum with accompaniment by L. G. Hulen, and the prayer of thanks by Bill Siefke.

After dinner E. R. Moon favored the group with a dialect reading and McCallum led in the singing of favorite hymns and choruses. District President, Ross J. Griffeth, then called the meeting to order for business. A special action was approved to underwrite the sending of at least 30 boys to the Boy's Camp during the summer as a district project, the idea being to send at least one boy from every church in the district who might not otherwise have the chance to go. It was also voted to allocate $100 of the local portion of the budget to the proposed memorial room in the new NCC dormitory in honor of B. Ross Evans, Jr. C. A. Lyman, Secretary-Treasurer, reported a loose offering of $71.07 plus pledges; total, nearly $100.

The inspirational message was delivered by Ronald Osborn, of NCC faculty. The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and the benediction was pronounced by Delmar Poe. The June 17 rally will be held at Fairmount Church in Eugene.

Revival at Pleasant Hill

With the beginning of a meeting at Pleasant Hill on April 28 the evangelistic team brings a fitting climax to the spring schedule. Since both Willie White and Truman and Virginia Robbins have been granted a leave of absence in June this will be their last meeting before the centennial convention. Thus the Ninety and Nine has been privileged to share in the organization of the youngest church in the state at Burns, a product of the centennial, and likewise in the proclamation of the same gospel messages in the Pleasant Hill Church, organized in 1850 by Elijah Bristow, one of the pioneer preachers whose work will be honored in the centennial celebration. "Others have labored and ye are entered into their labors."

In the Sutherlin campaign which closed on Easter Sunday there were 22 responses—9 for baptism and 13 by transfer—not far short of the number who banded together in the organization of the work there not quite two years ago. Despite much illness in the community the attendance was good and the spirit of the meeting was fine.

Mid-Columbia Meet

Mid-Columbia Ninety and Niners held their quarterly rally at Hood River April 25. Thirty men, representing four churches of the district, were present. Irving Elle and L. M. Babb, of The Dalles, served in the respective capacities of song leader and pianist for the evening. Following a song by the group Cecil Warner Sr. led in an invocation and prayer of thanksgiving. The ladies of the Hood River Church served a fine dinner after which "Pink" Owen presided over the business session. Because of seasonal work and the advantage of having another district meeting prior to the centennial convention a decision was made to set up the date of the next rally to June 20 with Dufur as the meeting place.

Discussion of business was concluded with singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," and a word on the progress of the state program was given by the writer. W. O. Livingstone, recently retired from the ministry at Vernonia and living at Hood River, brought a closing thought for the rally.

Time for Action

Among other important items considered at an executive committee held at Albany April 23 was the matter of the extensive growth of the liquor business in our state. A decision was made to ask the men in every church and every district to select a temperance chairman to keep in touch with the Anti-Liquor League of Oregon (426 Crobett Building, Portland 4) of which Charles Addleman, minister of Kern Park Church, is president. By this means we may keep informed as to every possible means of striking at the roots of this curse. It is time to **Think Dry, Talk Dry, Vote Dry** at every opportunity. More than that every Christian man can pray for a V-Day in this crusade.

Boys' Camps at Wi-Ne-Ma

Plans have been made to conduct two Boys' Camps on the Wi-Ne-Ma Camp Grounds. The first will be held July 28-August 3 as previously announced and will be for boys of 10, 11 years of age. The second camp will follow on August 4-10 and will be for boys of 12 through 14 years after the pattern of the Turner camps. Further information on all Boys' Camps are in the camp folders now available for distribution.

Items of Interest

A Ninety and Nine Brotherhood was organized in the Central Christian Church, Portland, April 22.

The "Country Jakes" of the Forest

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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

We have so much interesting news coming to us constantly that we scarcely know what to choose for this column, especially since our space is abbreviated this month to help provide space for the state convention.

Friends of Melba Palmer will rejoice with her that she is at last about to realize her dream of returning to the Tibetan border. The tentative date of her sailing is May 15, from San Francisco. The Backs, who are her recruits, have been unable to complete preparations for this early sailing and will have to go later. But inasmuch as Edgar Nichols is probably already on his way home, leaving Gladys Schwake to carry on alone at Batang, Melba is eager to be on her way to her aid. Melba writes: "We are especially needing a doctor or nurse, or both, to relieve Miss Schwake so she can have a much needed furlough." Until May 14 address Melba Palmer in care of Mrs. Edward Ruder, 2800 Terrace Way, Martinez, California.

One of the most readable missives reaching us in a long time is a long letter from Thomas Rash describing the arrival and first weeks in India of himself, his young wife and Mrs. Zeona Rothermel. The letter is much too long and descriptive for quotations. But anyone who is at all interested in foreign missions will be intensely interested in this account of the first experience of a couple of newly-weds in a foreign land. Brother Rash writes in a delightful vein of humor; and anyone would be well repaid to make an effort to locate a copy of his letter and read it.

Luke D. Elliott reports real progress in Jamaica with new works at Blue Mountain, Guava Ground and Mt. Rosser. He writes: "Work has started on new buildings at Mt. Rosser, Faith's Pen, Macca Tree, and improvements are being made at other places. Several baptisms are planned for the near future. . . Mrs. Luke Elliott is still in the States but expects to return to Jamaica soon. We are glad to announce that she did not have to undergo an operation. However, the doctor stated that she must have some rest and treatments and take it easier on her return to Jamaica. Water is quite a problem in Jamaica during the dry season, which has already begun. Brother Elliott says: "We hope to be able to build another tank as soon as possible. This is an urgent need and will cost only about $300.

Charles R. Railsback writes from Ketchikan, Alaska, of a new work he is beginning at Wacker City. It is his desire to purchase three lots there for the church at a cost of $100 each. He has already purchased a two-story, four-apartment building to wreck for lumber. He says: "We have also done a lot of work at Mountain Point, Alaska, but this area will have to wait till mid-summer before we can begin services there. We expect other workers from Oregon and Johnson Bible College this summer. Probably Max and Ronnie Whited from Eugene, perhaps others also."

Brethren interested in the work in Alaska might well write to the All-Alaska Christian Missions Committee, 215 E. Hillcrest, Inglewood, California, for a copy of the booklet, "Alaska, Land of Spiritual Opportunity." It sketches the work of some 20 missionaries and their fields in Alaska.

PROGRAM

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the head cook. This team gives confidence that the food will be good. Prices will be as low as is consistent with good service and mounting costs.

Rooms in Town

Most of the homes in Turner are thrown open for convention use. Write to Gene Robinson, Turner, for your reservation there. Do not put that off for it is expected that when convention opens every bed in Turner will be sold for the week.

Vacation School

Arrangements have been made to conduct a vacation church school in the Turner Church building during convention week. Mrs. Laura Torgerson has undertaken the responsibility of assembling a competent faculty for this purpose. You may bring your kiddies with the confidence that they will be well cared for in a religious way.

Dedications

The Centennial Lodge will be dedicated on Tuesday afternon at the close of the program. W. H. Lyman will be in charge of that. On Sunday afternon, at the close of the afternoon session, and as the final act of the convention, the memorial vault will be dedicated under the leadership of Arthur Charles Bates.

O. J. Goulter comes Home from Jap Prison

By Muriel Jordan

With the arrival on April 11 of O. J. Goulter in New Orleans from China the last of the missionaries of the United Christian Missionary Society who were interned during the war has been released. At one time the Society had 16 of its missionaries in internment camps, four in Germany and 12 in Japanese occupied territory in China. Mr. Goulter was released on V-J Day last August, but insisted on remaining at his post in China to enable the Christian forces at his station in Hofei, China, to get their work under way. Mr. Goulter alone prevented looting and destruction of mission property at the hands of both Japanese and Chinese militarists.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Goulter plan to be present at the Oregon Missionary Convention at Turner in June this year to present their experiences on the China mission field. Mrs. Goulter was a speaker at the convention a few years ago and was warmly received.

The members of the State Board of Missionary Organizations felt the need for immediate relief for our workers in China due to the scarcity of food and materials of all kinds and the tremendous inflation in prices, so they voted to ask the individual missionary societies and Women's Councils of the state to make a gift of money over and above their regular aims in order to help our workers there. The offerings taken during the Spring series of missionary rallies as well as that of the vesper service at the Turner convention will apply on this gift to China.

Rallies Well Attended

The Spring series of missionary rallies have proved successful both in regard to interest and attendance. Meetings were held in Brownsville, Junction City, McMinnville, Silverton, Tillamook, Hood River Valley, Bend, Klamath Falls and Hillsboro. Those taking places of leadership in the rallies included: Mrs. J. R. Howard, State President; Mrs. L. B. Fishback, State Vice President; Mrs. J. W. Jordan, State Secretary; Mrs E. R. Moon, District 5 Secretary and Missionary speaker; Mrs. Muriel L. Smith, Youth Superintendent, Mrs. Laura Torgerson, Children's Superintendent; Mrs. Arthur Stanley, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. Opal Carson, President Salem Women's Council; Mrs. C. C. Smith, District 1 Secretary; Mrs. L. R. Neal, District 2 Secretary; Mrs. Glen Kendall, District 3 Secretary; Mrs. A. C. Lint, District 4 Secretary; and Mrs. Julia Gregory, District 6 Secretary. A varied program of leadership training and inspirational talks were included in each rally.

They Saw Missions at Work

At the recent National Field Staff meeting in Indianapolis Mrs. J. W. Jordan, State Secretary of Missionary Organizations for Oregon, was privileged to hear several persons speak who had recently visited one or more of our mission stations and was impressed by their deep regard and respect for the accomplishments of the workers. Mrs. Anna Scott Carter, State Secretary for Missouri, was one of 29 persons from the United States to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of missionary work in Mexico last summer. She was so impressed by the devotion and untiring efforts of our missionaries there, even when working under tremendous handicaps of insufficient housing and materials, she came home and proposed that her state take as the special project this year the raising of $1,000 toward a laundry at Hope Hospital in Auguas Calientes; $1,000 for a light plant and are sending pure bred goats, mules, pigs and cattle for use in the agricultural classes there.

Miss Velva Dreese, Secretary from Kansas, was also among the group that visited the Mexican stations and out of it there came a project to buy the new station wagon and raise more than $400 toward a guest house in which members of the family of the patients in Hope Hospital might stay while the person regained his health.

Mrs. J. H. Bruner, State Sercetary of West Virginia, saw the need for furnishings of the dormitory at Hazel Green Academy, so she urged her state to come to the rescue. They responded by supplying all new furniture for the reception rooms, electric mangle and irons, linoleum, silverware, 50 pairs of curtains and other things.

The State of Washington, under the guidance of Mrs. Jane Mercer, State President, has raised a fund to buy a truck for the use of Ned Roberts in Mondome, Africa. They prepared 24 huge bales and cartons of clothing and suppiles for Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Corpron to take back with them to China, as well as several barrels of jam and jellies. Mrs. Howland, of Colorado, reported that Montana had purchased a truck for the use of Miss Edna Poole in Africa and are raising $2,500 for an electric light plant in Lotumbe, Africa. They will have three young people training for the foreign mission field this year.

WORSHIP CORNER

By Thelma Stanley

It is hoped that each society will elect a worship chairman. Their duties are as follows:

1. Be responsible for devotionals at each meeting. A different person may lead, but the chairman should help plan and see that plans are carried out in a worshipful manner.

2. Select leaders for the entire year; notify them when selected and again at least a month before the meeting. Call them a few days before the meeting to see if plans are made.

3. Provide worship materials for them—a scrap book of poems, stories, hymn stories, picture interpretations, etc. Build up a library of devotional books and other materials.

4. Before each meeting help the leader get the room in order and see that there is a worshipful atmosphere.

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A NEW CONFERENCE

A Youth Camp will be conducted at Silver Creek Camp Grounds during the fourth week in July. It will be directed by Clifford Trout, of Hillsboro, and assisted by other able brethren. It is in no sense a competitive camp to others in the state; but is designed to accommodate those young people who for various reasons, will not be in other camps and can attend this one. This group is counselling with the State Educational Committee which will give the movement all the help it can. Doubtless many from this camp will eventually graduate from the Turner Conference. We give it our blessing. If interested write to Clifford Trout, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

The improvement in sewage disposal at Northwestern Christian Home which was required this spring has been completed at a cost of a little over $900.

The Home family has been favored with good health this spring and the Home has now passed six months without a death in the family.

Operation Cost Low

Our Superintendent, Mrs. Hill, and Field Representative, Mr. Myers, attended the annual staff meeting of workers in The National Benevolent Association which was held at St. Louis April 16, 17. A report of cost analysis of the operation of the twelve Homes of the association for the calendar year 1945 shows that Northwestern Christian Home operated at the lowest cost among the Homes. The average cash cost for the six Homes for the Aged per guest day was $1.37; for the Northwestern Home, $1.08. The total average cost, including donations of supplies, property maintenance and depreciation for the six Homes was $1.67 per guest day; for Northwestern Home, $1.34. There are a total of 89 people on the waiting lists of the six Homes for the Aged.

Annuity Bonds

A few years ago a woman in Kansas invested $10,000 in two $5,000 annuity bonds of the National Benevolent Association. One of these was for the benefit of Northwestern Christian Home, the other for Colorado Christian Home. At the death of this good friend a few months ago $4,075 remained of the principal of the first bond. This is added to the funds of Northwestern Christian Home looking toward larger service as soon as sufficient resources can be secured.

Jars of Goodness

Because of generous help in 1944 it was not necessary to send out many jars to be filled in 1945. We do need them filled again in 1946. Some have already been sent out. Jars will be sent to anyone sending for them to be filled during the summer months.

Among visitors enjoyed by the Home family last month the quartet of students from NCC was a special treat.

Mrs. Hill spent some time on vacation in Oklahoma following the staff meeting. Mr. Myers is spending a part of May in California in the interest of California Christian Home. —Walter L. Myers.

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MRS. EMMA CARROLL

Mrs. Emma Carroll, a life long member of the church, and a charter member of the church at Mosier, died on Sunday night, May 5, after an illness of several weeks. C. F. Swander, State Secretary, conducted the last services at the Mosier church on May 8. Brother and Sister Carroll have been the two strong pillars of that church. Beside the husband two daughters and a son are left; Mrs. Jennie Minton, San Jose, California; Mrs. Rosa Bailey, of Mosier, Oregon; and Arthur Carroll, of Prairie City, Oregon.

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DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Willamette District will hold its annual convention at Corvallis on May 20, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. This district includes Marion, Linn, Polk, Benton, Yamhill and Tillamook counties. Every church should be represented.

Centennial Fund

The Centennial report, as also the state missions report, is crowded out this month because of the convention program. Be it known however that the centennial fund has reached the $44,000 mark. It is still going. Please take notice that to get your name in the centennial vault, which is not to be opened for 100 years, your pledge must be paid. There is yet $10,000 outstanding on pledges. Why not pay it now and get "your name written there." Send your check to the state office, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

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April Additions

(The first number indicates baptisms; the second, transfers of membership.

Albany, 1-3; Ashland, 6-0; Astoria, 3-1; Athena, 2-2; Baker, 8-4; Beaverton, 3-2; Bend, 14-6; Coquille, 4-4; Corbett, 2-2; Corvallis, 7-10; Burns, 1-0; Dallas, 9-1; Dayton, 2-3; Elkton, 1-2; Estacada, 3-0; Eugene, 12-17; Fairmount, 1-0; Florence, 1-0; Forest Grove, 5-6; Garibaldi, 1-15; Gladstone, 10-5; Glide, 1-0; Grants Pass, 14-23; Hermiston, 5-6; Hillsboro, 7-0; Hood River Valley, 0-1; Jefferson, 1-4; Klamath Falls, 17-3; La Grande, 1-1; Lebanon, 14-5; Liberty, 1-2; Lorane, 0-3; Marcola, 0-1; McMinnville, 11-5; Mill City, 4-0; Milton, 1-2; Multnomah, 10-7; No. Bend, 2-0; Nyssa, 5-6; Oakland, 7-4; McKenzie Bridge, 0-3; Oakridge, 3-0; Pendleton, 6-3; Portland Central, 15-22; Englewood, 2-3; Kern Park, 11-3; Sellwood, 5-0; St. Johns, 12-9; First, 11-1; Salem Court, 0-2; Salem First, 2-7; Sheridan, 2-0; Silverton, 6-4; Stayton, 3-5; Toledo, 4-1; Turner, 2-0; Woodburn, 2-2; Yoncalla, 1-0; Vale, 4-3; Medford First, 6-4. Totals, 309-219.

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MARCOLA—J. H. Ogan passed away at the age of 92, just a month and ten days after his wife died. Both members of the church. Easter attendance 109. Clyde Freeman, pastor.

MILTON—A pre-Easter meeting by Prof. Wm. Siefke. Church has purchased a Victor sound projector. Joe Jewett, pastor.

PORTLAND ENGLEWOOD — Frank Cunningham, pastor at Newberg, is assisting in a three weeks meeting. Prospects good. C. Alton Brostrom, pastor.

VERNONIA—Called Ernest P. Baker as pastor to begin second Sunday in May. Brother Baker has just been released from the chaplaincy. His last pastorate was at Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. Welcome to our State, Brother Baker.

NINETY AND NINE

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Grove Ninety and Nine Class bested the "City Slickers" in the pre-Easter attendance contest, but in the battle all enjoyed the victory.

In the Ninety and Nine rally at Enterprise April 9 the attendance was 75. Song leader was Gene Chamberlain. Ray Zack was the speaker. The offering for the State Ninety and Nine was taken.

The district rally held at Silverton April 29 had 122 men present and 15 churches represented. A program of songs, solos, duet and quartet numbers was given. Hubert Sias, Forest Grove, was the speaker and based his message on 3rd chapter of Philippians.